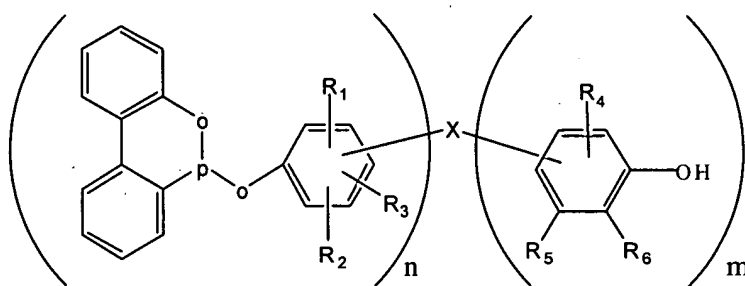


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) A phenolic group-containing phosphonite ~~The~~ compound of formula (I) ~~as defined in Claim 1,~~



(I)

wherein

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> independently of one another are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl,

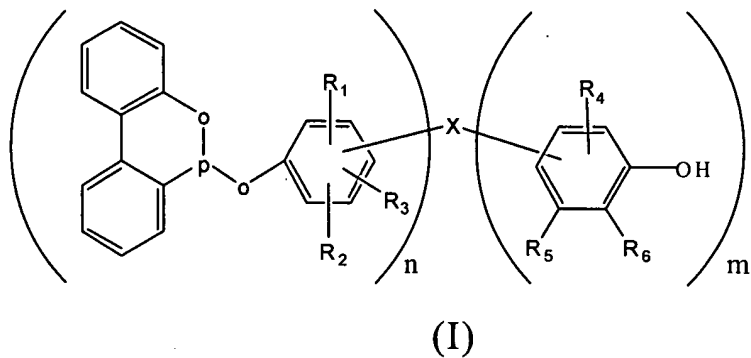
n and m are 1, and

X is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl substituted alkylene.

3. (Previously presented) The compound of formula (I) as defined in Claim 2, wherein X is propylmethylene, R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are methyl, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are t-butyl, and R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are hydrogen.

Claims 4-18 (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A phenolic group-containing phosphonite ~~The~~  
 compound of formula (I) as defined in Claim 1,



wherein

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> independently of one another are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl,

n and m are 1, and

X is sulfur.

20. (Previously presented) The compound of formula (I) as defined in Claim 2,  
 wherein X is propylmethylene.